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5TH ANNUAL SHRINE BOWL

The fifth annual Shrine Bowl promises to provide local fans with another exciting contest when the cross-town rivals, McGill and Concordia clash Saturday, October 5th at Concordia Stadium on the Loyola Campus.

This year's game figures to follow in the bowl history as the Montreal football event of the year. For the second consecutive year the game will be an integral part of Concordia's Homecoming Weekend. Despite a steady downpour over 4500 fans watched the Stingers rally for a victory last year and organizers are confident that this year's match-up will set a new attendance record.

The Stingers, who captured their first bowl game in four tries last year, will be led by All-Canadian quarterback Ron Aboud.

The McGill Redmen appear ready to challenge for league honours after missing the playoffs last year. Steve Papp, McGill's Most Valuable Player in the 1990 Shrine Bowl, leads a well balanced squad that will surprise a lot of people.

"We are pleased with the development of the Shrine Bowl over the last few years and are confident that it will continue to grow in the future for two good reasons.", Concordia Athletic Director Bob Philip stated. "First, university football offers exciting sports action in a healthy atmosphere. Secondly and more importantly, the proceeds of the game go to the Shriners Hospital which has aided children throughout the world for over 50 years."

This year's game will be televised live by RDS..

A Shrine Bowl History

The fifth annual Shrine Bowl will return with its original combatants as Concordia plays host to the McGill Redmen on Saturday, October 5.

The Stingers are looking for their second consecutive Bowl victory. Bishop's scored a dramatic come-from-behind victory as they defeated Concordia 15-9 in last year's game. The Gaiters scored 12 unanswered points in the fourth quarter behind the spectacular running of Keith Kelly. Concordia is now 0-3, having lost games to cross-town rival McGill Redmen 31-20 in 1987, and 27-7 the following year.

Those first two Shrine Bowl contests could just have well been renamed the "Mike Soles-Ron Aboud Show". In the 1987 game, Soles ran for 197 yards on 13 carries to account for over half of the Redmen total offense, while Aboud collected 120 total yards, including 94 rushing. McGill went on to win eight of their next nine games and a Vanier Cup Championship.

In the 1988 match-up, Soles was the McGill sparkplug once again, scoring 3 touchdowns while Aboud picked up Concordia's only major score of the afternoon.

All net proceeds from ticket sales of the Shrine Bowl will go to the Montreal Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children on Cedar Avenue.

The concept of an annual Shrine Bowl game between teams in the O-QIFC is not a new idea. The best college football players in the United States have been competing in the East-West Shrine Game for over 60 years!

The East-West game is America's oldest all-star game and second only to the Rose Bowl among post-season games. Played for the benefit of the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, the East-West game has raised more than \$10 million for the 22 Shriners Hospitals in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Last year, Concordia registered their first-ever victory as All-Canadian quarterback Ron Aboud continued his Bowl mastery in leading the Stingers to a come-from-behind victory.

O-QIFC Shrine Bowl Results

1987	McGill	31	Concordia	20
1988	McGill	27	Concordia	7
1989	Bishop's	15	Concordia	9
1990	Concordia	27	McGill	15

M.V.P.'s

1987	Mike Soles	(McGill)
	Ron Aboud	(Concordia)
1988	Mike Soles	(McGill)
	Ron Aboud	(Concordia)
1989	Keith Kelly	(Bishop's)
	Stephane Leclerc	(Concordia)
1990	Ron Aboud	(Concordia)
	Steve Papp	(McGill)